



NEWS BULLETIN

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For **Y**our **I**nformation from...Suffolk County Department of Social Services (DSS)
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APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS/PREVENTION MONTH

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse.

In 2010 according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, it was reported that in the United States, and Puerto Rico, an estimated 695,000 children were victims of child abuse; and 1,560 children died as a result of abuse or neglect. The majority of child abuse cases stemmed from situations and conditions that can be preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive.

If you are worried about family violence affecting your child, **HELP IS AVAILABLE. CALL:**

Alternatives

Southampton (631) 283-4440

Brentwood Mental Health Clinic

Brentwood (631) 853-7300

Catholic Charities Mental Health Clinic

Bay Shore (631) 665-6707

Pederson Krag

Mental Health Clinic

Smithtown (631) 920-8300

Family Counseling Services

Westhampton Beach

(631) 288-1954

Family Service League

Huntington (631) 427-3700

Riverhead (631) 369-0104

Farmingville

Mental Health Clinic

Farmingville (631) 854-2552

F.E.G.S Health & Human Services

L.I. Admin. Office (516) 496-7550

Counseling Appts. (631) 691-3347

Riverhead Mental Health Clinic

Riverhead (631) 852-1440

Madonna Heights

Dix Hills (631) 643-8800

Retreat, Inc.

East Hampton

Hotline (631) 329-2200

Parents for Megan's Law

Headquarters

Stony Brook (631) 689-2672

Marilyn Shellabarger South

Brookhaven Family Health

Center East at Shirley

(631) 852-1000

South Brookhaven Family Health

Center at Patchogue

(631) 854-1300

Suffolk County Coalition Against

Domestic Violence

Shirley

Hotline (631) 666-8833

Brighter Tomorrows

Shirley

Hotline (631) 395-1800

VIBS – Family Violence and Rape

Crisis Center

Hauppauge (631) 360-3606

The toll free Child Abuse Reporting Hotline is **1-800-342-3720 voice 1-800-638-5163 (TDD/TTY)** If you need immediate assistance, call "911".